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TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 18.

READING.—In these days, all men and women read something, but the trouble is that by reading in a single vein, which so strongly appeals to their individual tastes and personal idiosyncrasies that it is not study at all, they lose their power to study anything else. The rule for successful and profitable reading would, in the light of these facts, seem to be to read only what one does not like to read. That reading which costs no effort and necessarily dissipates the power of study, is that which we should indulge in only for recreation, while that which we know to be important in itself, and in its bearings upon broad knowledge and culture, should most engage our time and attention. The trouble is, not that we do not read enough, but that we read so much of that which simply pleases us as to destroy our power to read that which will edify and enlarge us. There are many aspects in which newspaper reading is preferable to much that is considered essential to high culture. It is undoubtedly dissipating to the power of study, but so is any other reading which is pursued as a passion. It has this advantage: that it never detaches the mind from a supreme interest in the affairs of day. There are studies which separate a man from his time,—which shut off his sympathies from the men and the movements around him. There is a kind of dilettantism which rejoices in musing in dark corners for the curiosities of history or art, which is wise about great notions—wise about bric-a-brac, wise about antique gems, wise about coins, wise about classical antiquities, wise about old books of whose contents it knows little, wise about dead and useless things, and foolish enough to plume itself upon its wisdom.—*Dr. Holland: Scribner for January.*

Sheriff Randenbush, of Carbon county, Pa., read Thomas P. Fisher's death warrant to him early Saturday morning. The prisoner did not say anything during the reading, but subsequently he swore that the authorities of Pennsylvania dare not hang him. For a month past some of the leading citizens of the county have been travelling over the entire State securing names of people to a petition praying for the commutation of Fisher's death sentence to ten years' imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary. The petition will be presented to the Board of Pardons at their meeting the first Tuesday in February. The same thing is being done in the cases of Jack Kehoe and Pat Heister, the "Molly Kiegs." Extraordinary efforts for commutation of their sentences. It is even said that 30,000 votes will be polled next fall for the candidate for Governor who will use his influence to save the necks of the three murderers.

A dispatch from Ocala, Fla., says a mob of armed and masked men took possession of that town on Friday night, arrested everybody on the streets at the muzzle of revolvers and shot guns, and then went to the court house and seized all the tax books for this and past years in the county clerk's and treasurer's offices and carried them away. The trouble grew out of a railroad tax which had been levied to pay certain judgments against the county for past due interest on railroad bonds. Several of the mob were recognized by officers of the law, and arrests will probably be made, in which event more trouble will doubtless occur.

WHEN SHALL WE THREE MEET AGAIN.—A New York Tribune special from Washington says the reconciliation of Senators Blaine and Cleveland seems to be complete. The latter responded cordially in the last executive session to all the advances of the former, and they appeared to be in conversation in open session. As they stood talking, before the clerk's desk, Senator David Davis came up, and putting an arm around each they stood, there several minutes until everybody on the floor and in the galleries had noticed the unusual and friendly meeting.

"Come up and take a drink." This absurd custom of treating anybody and everybody is of Irish origin. The characteristic of Erin is, equality of introducing it to America, and the Irish-American is responsible for nursing it. There may be something attractive about Irish hospitality, but no level-headed man can praise their insane custom of calling all the world up to take a drink. Only in Erin and the United States is such a foolish custom possible.—*N. Y. Mail.*

The Board of Education of New Haven has voted to exclude the Bible from public schools, and to allow no religious exercises. Considerable excitement has been occasioned by this action.

OPENING AND CLOSING OF MARKS.—Until further notice the following will be the hours for the opening and closing of the markets:

Northern mails, 8:30 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Western 9:15 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.
Southwestern, via Gordonsville and Lynchburg, 7:00 p. m.
Washington and Ohio, Alexandria to Round Hill, Va., 6:30 p. m.
Manassas Division, 2:30 p. m.
Southern, via Fredericksburg and Richmond Va., 8:30 a. m. and 1:00 p. m.
CLOSING.
Northern and Western mails, 5:15 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.
Southwestern, via Lynchburg and Gordonsville, 7:00 a. m.
Washington and Ohio, Round Hill to Alexandria, 8:00 a. m.
Manassas Division, 7:00 a. m.
Southern, via Richmond and Fredericksburg, Va., 5:15 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.
Lynchburg and points South, 8:30 p. m.
Sundays—Office open at 9:00 a. m.; closes 9:30 a. m.
General delivery window closes at 8:00 p. m.
Doors close at 9:00 p. m.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

SEVERAL DWELLINGS AND STOREHOUSES.

Apply to J. T. HILL.

FOR RENT—TWO DWELLINGS on Washington street, gas and water; even and light rooms; rent low; and TWO DWELLINGS on St. Asaph street; good water at the door; four rooms each. Apply to ELIZABETH BROCKETT, No. 80 N. Washington St. sep 1

FOR RENT.—The STORE ROOM on the northeast corner of King and Union streets—the best location in the city for a grocery and liquor store. Apply at this office. ap 18-4

GEORGE R. HILL & CO.

STEAM CRACKER & CAKE BAKERS

35 NORTH LEE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FOR SALE.

500 pounds Old Newspapers.

AT THIS OFFICE.

sep 6-1f

## CHRISTMAS GOODS

We have just received a large assortment of NEW AND USEFUL ARTICLES, SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

CONSISTING OF

HOUSEHOLD GOODS, PLATED, WOODEN AND WILLOW WARES, WRITING DESKS, WORK BOXES AND BASKETS, TOYS, &c., &c., to which we invite the attention of purchasers and an examination of our stock before purchasing elsewhere.

McLEAN & UHLER, 107 KING STREET.

FANCY GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—English, French, German and American Perfumeries, Lubin's, Piver's and Palmer's Extracts, Gervaise Parfums Cologne, Orange Blossom Cologne, Violet Cologne and Sachet Powders of various odors; also Cologne and Perfumery Bottles of various styles, including the "Rustic Bottle," something new and very attractive. JANNEY & CO., 70 & 145 King street.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! call at C. C. BERRY'S, where you will find a beautiful line of goods for ladies, gents and children. Call and examine as they are very cheap, before buying elsewhere. dec 13

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HOLIDAY GOODS.—Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Kid Gloves, Scarfs and Ruffing, in handsome boxes. Wagons, Carriages, Sleighs, Rocking-Horses, Tin animals, Drums and a large assortment of other goods. C. M. ADAMS, 102 King street.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—Fancy Lunch Baskets, suitable for school children, Fruit Baskets, Cakes, Mince, various styles, Centennial, do, very pretty, woven bordered and lettered do, Infant and Toy Pails—all new and cheap. dec 10

TOYS! HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Just received Christmas Drums, Tool Chests, Wash Tub Sets, with a chair large enough for a child to sit on, Cradles, Hobby Horses, Wagons, Sleighs, Combs, Brushes, Frames of all sizes, Centre Tables, large size; Scarfs, Ruffing, Ribbons, &c., &c.—all at low prices. dec 8

HOLIDAY GOODS JUST RECEIVED.—London Layer, Plain do., Lace Muscates, Valencia, Mat and Sultan's Seedless Balsins, Maltage Grapes and a general assortment of fresh Nuts, all of GEO. McBURNEY & SON, 109 and 110 King street.

THE BEST PREPARATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—GENUINE ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING. For sale by GEO. McBURNEY & SON, 109 and 110 King street.

CURRENT JELLY.—A choice article received this day and for sale low by the lb. dec 13

WOOD AND COAL.

COAL! COAL! COAL!

On my wharf and to arrive during the season a full stock of

ANTHACITE, CUMBERLAND and WEST VIRGINIA COALS of best quality, and well screened. I will be pleased to supply my friends and customers at lowest market price. Delivered at houses, cars or boats, per ton of 2240 lbs. J. W. SMOOT, COAL! COAL! COAL!

For good CLEAN COAL go to T. J. McHAFFEY & SONS, wharf and yard foot of Sep 8 street.

FINANCIAL.

BURKE & HERBERT

Dealers in

GOLD, GOVERNMENT BONDS, LOCAL STOCKS, AND ALL FIRST-CLASS RAILROAD BONDS and other good investment securities, have for sale

ALEXANDRIA CITY AND VIRGINIA COUPON RECEIPTS FOR THE ALEXANDRIA CORPORATION SIX PER CENT BONDS.

Any information in regard to investment cheerfully given. sep 23

PIANOS AND ORGANS.

From the most celebrated factories, for sale and rent. Pianos and Organs sold on the installment plan on the most reasonable terms. Tuning and repairing promptly attended to by experienced men at

C. REICHENBACH'S PIANO WAREHOUSES, 421 Eleventh st., a few doors above Penna. ave. Washington, D. C.

Sole Agency for District of Columbia and Alexandria, Va., of the celebrated KNABE & CO'S and McCAMMON'S favorite PIANOS. 17 16-4f

JNO. A. FIELD, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

Smoking and Chewing Tobacco,

CIGARS, PIPES, &c.

Flood's, Bob White, Winfree & Lloyd's Pride of Virginia, Hiawatha and other brands at factory prices. Always keeps a large stock in store. Call and see him, at No. 71 King st., before you buy elsewhere. feb 10

TO THE TRADE.

JOHN A. FIELD, 71 King street, Is Agent for ALLEN & CO'S RICHMOND GEM CIGARETTES and other goods; also FELGNER'S & SONS' HERR DE LA KIRM CIGARETTES. Will sell them at FACTORY PRICES. Call in and see for yourself. sep 22

SKATES, in great variety, wholesale and Retail, at 88 King street, on the corner of Royal street. Call and see. MOUNTED DEXTER AND CENTENAL BRACKET SAWS—Extra Saw Blades by the dozen or gross and other Tools for amateur workmen nice presents for Christmas. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON, dec 12

AN ELEGANT BRASS CAGE for \$1.00 at McLEAN & UHLER'S. dec 11

## FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

BEAUTIFUL GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT FRENCH'S, NO. 95 KING STREET.

I am now opening one of the handsomest stocks of Christmas and New Year's goods ever offered in this market. Prominent are Bibles and Prayer Books in rich binding. Novelties in Russia leather. The finest Russia Leather Portfolios, Letter Cases and Writing Cases. Papier Mache Desks, very handsome. Beautiful Vases in gilt and cut glass. Hand painted Glass Vases, very beautiful. Russia Leather and Cut Glass Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes. Russia Leather Satchels, Ladies' Pocket Companions, Japanese Cabinets, Boxes and Trays. Writing Desks, Fine Gold Pens and Pencils in gold and pearl cases, put up expressly for holiday presents. Fine Bronze Glass Inkstands. Scotchwood goods. Smokers' sets, Sugar Cases, great variety. Work Boxes in Russia and Vienna Leather, beautifully made and furnished. Handmade Chromos. Statuary; also the celebrated Pictures of Franz & Co. These are the finest in this country. Christmas and New Year cards. For the little folks I have the largest and best assortment of juvenile books in the State. The stock embraces the best American, English and German authors. As for Games of all kinds, Alphabet, building and other blocks, Banks, Steam Engines, and a thousand and one other things to instruct and amuse boys and girls, time and space forbid further enumeration. Any information respecting this stock will be cheerfully furnished by mail to those living at a distance. To the residents and sojourners in Alexandria it will afford me pleasure to show these goods at 95 King street. dec 18-1f

HEADQUARTERS FOR—

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Let all remember that

MRS. S. K. SNIDER

Had the largest and most select stock of CHRISTMAS GOODS in the city last year, and her stock this year is a great improvement over last. She also has a large assortment of beautiful and cheap Lamps, all variety of Housefurnishing Goods. All are invited to call at No. 6 South Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., and examine for themselves. dec 12

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! TOYS, CANDIES, FRUITS AND CAKES. Prices, wholesale and retail, cheaper than ever before in order to get off a large stock. NEW YORK AND BALTIMORE PRICES. MALAGA GRAPES 25 CTS. A POUND. CANDIES of my own manufacture. A. GLAUCHET, No. 125 King st.

FRESH MILK—Fresh and pure MILK, from the Clarendon farm, received every day and for sale at 7 cents a quart at the Confectionery store of dec 12-126th

A. GLAUCHET, No. 125 King street.

BELMONT PEACHES AND PURE WINE.

We are special agents for Mr. R. LLOYD'S EXTRA BELMONT PEACHES, by the case or at retail, in 2 and 3 lb cans. Also for his CONCORD and CATAWBA WINE of 1870 and 1871, in bottles or by the gallon. dec 13

JANNEY & CO., 145 King st.

TOYS! TOYS! LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THE CITY! Also a full line of CONFECTIONERY.

Th. Gerhard, 10 N. Royal st. [nov 30-4f]

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—A great variety of FANCY CHINA, just received and for sale low. We advise our friends and the public to call and carefully examine the stock. nov 30

E. J. MILLER, & CO, 65 King st.

ICE CREAM, &c.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

I wish to notify my friends and the public generally that I have moved from my place of business on King street to No. 10 N. St. Asaph street, where I will receive orders for

ICE CREAM, and supply families at the following low prices:

Ice Cream, ..... \$1.20 per gallon

Custard, ..... 50 cts five gallons

Water Ice, ..... 1.00 per gallon

I will keep always on hand a variety of Philadelphia Fancies, Bon-bons, Cream work of all flavors, fine and common confections, Apples, Oranges, Lemons, &c. Also a Milk Depot where fresh milk can be had at all times. J. S. FORCE, nov 22-2m

No. 16 N. St. Asaph st.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

W.B. WADDEY, DEALER IN

BOOTS & SHOES

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

110 King st., Alexandria, Va.

The subscriber has now on hand one of the largest and best selected stocks of goods in his line ever offered in this market, which he can afford to sell at prices to suit the times. His names in part:

LADIES, GENTS', MISSES' BOYS AND CHILDREN'S

BOOTS & SHOES

of fine and coarse work, of superior quality to any ever before offered for sale in this market, manufactured from the best material, and in the most durable and stylish manner, comprising a great variety of new and handsome styles.

Also a large stock of

BOOTS, SHOES & BROGANS

SUITABLE FOR THE COUNTRY TRADE, to which he invites the special attention of country merchants and farmers.

All in want will do well to call before purchasing elsewhere.

W.B. WADDEY, 110 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA. sep 11

CLARK'S

AMMONIATED BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE

TURNER'S EXCELSIOR and TURNER'S AMMONIATED BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE.

AT LOWEST PRICE BY

aug 12-4f

R. M. LAWSON & JAMIESON

SAUSAGE CUTTER AND STUFFERS in great variety, at lower prices than ever before offered. Call and see at 88 King street, corner of Royal. J. T. ORRIGHION & SON, nov 30

P. S.—Sole agent for the WALKER SADDLE SEAM BOOT. This boot will be guaranteed for its fit and wear. dec 4

Call and examine them.

## FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First in the field to offer to my patrons

HOLIDAY GOODS!

For a holiday present nothing is more useful than a nice Overcoat or a good Suit of Clothes.

OVERCOATS FROM \$3 TO \$25. (Chinchilla, Beaver and Cloth, of all styles and colors.)

SUITS TO FIT A THREE YEAR OLD CHILD TO A MAN WEIGHING 300 POUNDS.

CALL AND SEE THEM.

My stock of

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, TRUNKS, VALISES, HATS, CAPS, &c., is complete.

MY SIX DOLLAR SUIT

Cannot be excelled this side of Philadelphia.

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS—

All I ask is a visit to my Clothing Emporium, and if I do not satisfy you in what I have said

I ask you not to buy. I hope my former career of business transaction will be sufficient for the future.

HENRY STRAUSS, NO. 86 KING STREET

Opposite Market alley.

BOOTS AND SHOES!

PREPARE YOURSELVES, FOR THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING

Now is your time, for

HENRY STRAUSS is selling at his

BOOT AND SHOE EMPORIUM, 66 KING STREET!

Boots and Shoes at prices that will dazzle your eyes.

BOOTS FROM \$1.50 UP TO \$6.

A Baltimore Home Made Boot \$3.87.

Ladies' Shoes from 75c up to \$2.50.

Ladies' Foxed Button \$1.62—This Boot cannot be equalled in this city.

Misses' and Children's Shoes at the lowest prices

For a Christmas present to your wife, husband, mother, father, sister, brother, or anyone, call on HENRY STRAUSS, 66 King street, and get a pair of his

BEST HOLIDAY SHOES.

AT LOWEST PRICE BY

aug 12-4f

R. M. LAWSON & JAMIESON

SADDLE SEAM BOOT. This boot will be guaranteed for its fit and wear. dec 4

Call and examine them.

## ISAAC EICHBERG'S DRY GOODS STORE.

READ LOOK

I. EICHBERG'S SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT.

GREATEST AND MOST ATTRACTIVE SALE OF THE SEASON.

Large and splendid variety of Cloaks and Shawls, DRESS GOODS, HOLIDAY GOODS, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, HOUSEFURNISHING GOODS, TABLE AND PIANO COVERS, MEN'S AND BOY'S WEAR, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, RUGS, MATS, CRUMB CLOTHS, And a full line and general stock of

DRY GOODS

ever offered before in Alexandria

Our stock has been entirely replenished and is all fresh and new, bought at the lowest not cash bottom prices, and will be sold at the smallest profit.

Having done an exceedingly satisfactory business, we wish to close the year with as small a stock as possible, and hence have concluded from this day to run off our entire stock at

ASTONISHINGLY LOW PRICES.

All our goods are marked in plain selling figures, and we would respectfully call the attention of all lovers of a good and genuine article at a cheap price to give us a call and examine our immense stock

I. EICHBERG, (Succ'r. to Slaymaker Co.)

AND DOMESTICS

AT BOTTOM PRICES.

BUY

WE FIND IT TOO NUMEROUS to mention every article we keep on hand, but simply and politely request you to call and examine our stock and prices.

Our cellar is stacked with Domestic Goods, such as Canton Flannels, Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, all Wool Plain and Twilled Red and White Flannels.

BLANKETS, in great variety, from a Cradle Blanket up to a 12 Blanket.

Ladies, Gents' and Misses' Underwear, Corsets, Notions and Sundries on first floor.

A general assortment of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Linens, Cloths, Cassimeres, White Goods, Tarlatans, Crape, Crape Veils, Mourning Goods, &c., on 2nd floor.

A full and complete line of Carpets, Oil Cloths, Rugs, Hoses, Crumb Cloths, Lace Curtains, Stair Linings, Curtain Linens, Carpet Coverings, &c., &c.

I. EICHBERG, (Succ'r. to Slaymaker Co.)

AND DOMESTICS

AT BOTTOM PRICES.

BUY

DRY GOODS.

SELLING OUT! SELLING OUT!

HURRY TO S. LINDHEIMER'S, 76 KING STREET,

FOR YOUR LAST AND EXCELLENT CHANCE FOR BARGAINS.

I am positively selling out my entire stock of

DRY GOODS WITHOUT REGARD TO COST,

In order to wind up that part of my business.

BLANKETS, FLANNELS, all kinds of CLOTHES, including the best of BEAVER CLOTH, FURS for LADIES and CHILDREN, &c., &c., ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.

Hurry up for bargains.

S. LINDHEIMER, 76 KING STREET.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owing to a contemplated CHANGE OF BUSINESS, I will from this day until my entire stock of DRY GOODS

is closed out, sell AT AND BELOW COST.

GREAT BARGAINS will be offered in Dress Goods and Cassimeres and all goods in the Dry Goods line. D. BENDHEIM, nov 24-1m

112 King street.

CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, RUGS, AND CRUMB CLOTHS, IN GREAT VARIETY AND AT LOW PRICES AT

Pretzfelder & Company's

nov 12

144 KING STREET.

MEDICINAL.

BUTLER'S BALSMIC MIXTURE, FOR FORTY YEARS KNOWN AS THE INFALLIBLE REMEDY. Price one dollar per bottle. feb 28-1f

NEW EDAM CHEESE, very fine just received by G. WM. RAMSAY, dec 4

EDUCATIONAL.

ELOCUTION AND THE FRENCH LANGUAGE. Mr. SIDMONS, late of the Virginia and Washington and Lee Universities, will be happy to receive gentlemen and ladies, youths and adults, who may desire complete instruction in HIGH ART READING and CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH. Terms very moderate. Address 47 Fairfax st., Alexandria. nov 19-4f

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SPRING STYLES SILK HATS

Just received at

YOUNG'S, THE HATTER, mh 2

No. 80 King street

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